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Thorner et al	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: TBA (§371 of US00/16135)	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: December 12, 2001))
For: CHICKEN GROWTH HORMONE) RELEASING HORMONE)	
RECEPTOR))

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the referenced application, please interpose the following amendments to the claims in the referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please re-number the following claims as follows:

- 15. A nucleic acid sequence encoding the chicken GHRH receptor, said sequence comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 16. A transgenic avian species comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the protein of claim 3.
- 17. A transgenic avian species comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the protein of claim 7.